

MRFSS Facts and Figures

South Carolina 1998



Five Frequently Encountered Fish 1998					
Species	Number Caught (Thousands)	Number Harvested (Thousands)	Pounds Harvested (Thousands)	Number Released (Thousands)	Mean Length (Harvested Fish)
SOUTHERN KINGFISH	464	224	138	240	10.8"
ATLANTIC CROAKER	437	171	77	266	9.3"
SPOTTED SEATROUT	277	125	152	152	14.6"
BLACK SEA BASS	276	97	108	179	12.2"
SOUTHERN FLOUNDER	144	117	167	27	14.8"

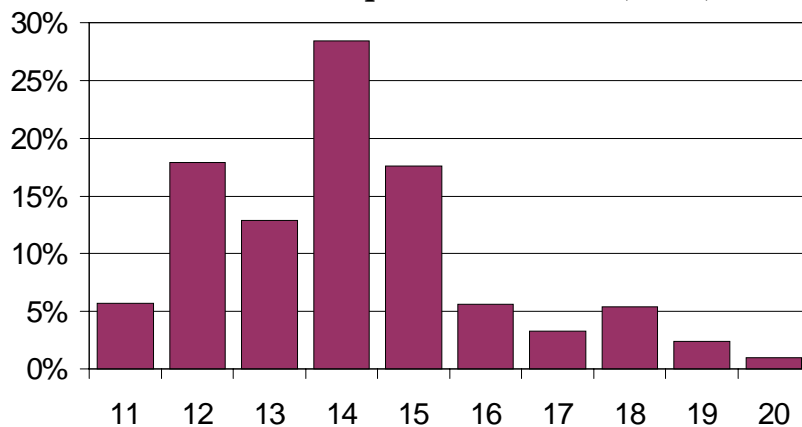
Length data are reported as fork length. (For most species = tip of snout to fork in tail.)

Spotted Seatrout
Cynoscion nebulosus



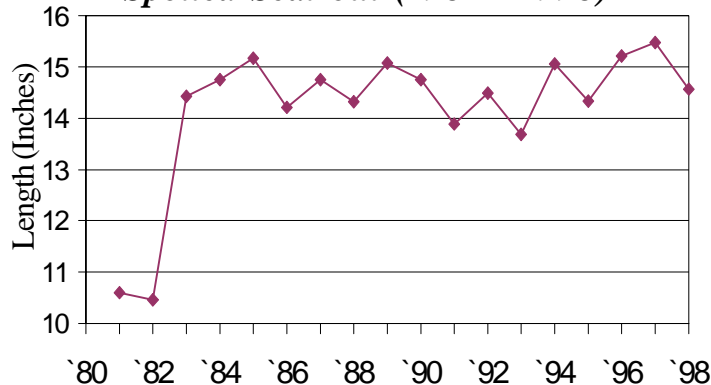
Since 1981, MRFSS field personnel have identified over 150 species of marine fish landed in South Carolina.

Length Distribution (in inches)
Harvested Spotted Seatrout (1998)

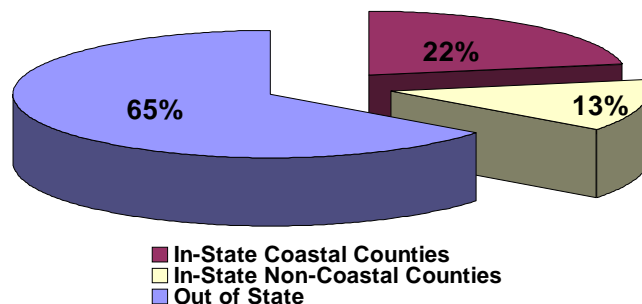


In 1998, nearly 77% of harvested spotted seatrout averaged between 12 and 15 inches in length.

Average Length of Harvested Spotted Seatrout (1981 - 1998)

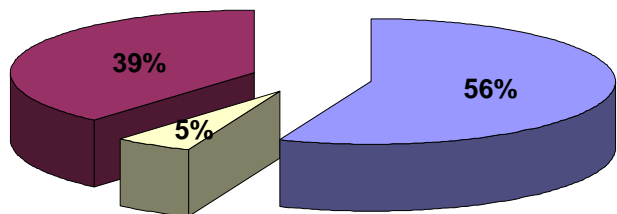


South Carolina Anglers' Area of Residence (1998)



In 1998, nearly 639,000 anglers participated in South Carolina's Marine Recreational Fishery.

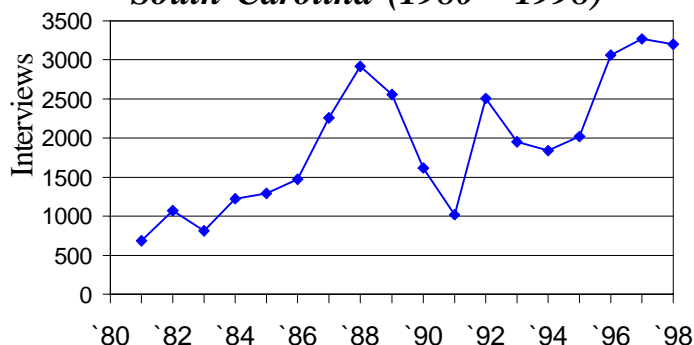
Saltwater Fishing Trips by Fishing Mode (1998)



Shore Party/Charter Boat Private/Rental Boat

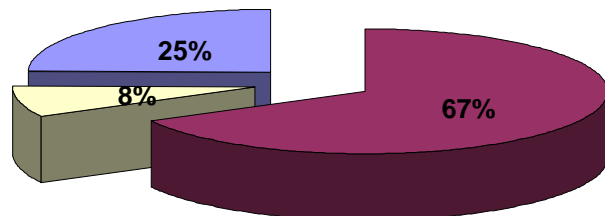
In 1998, anglers took over 1.7 million saltwater fishing trips in South Carolina.

Number of Completed Field Surveys South Carolina (1980 - 1998)



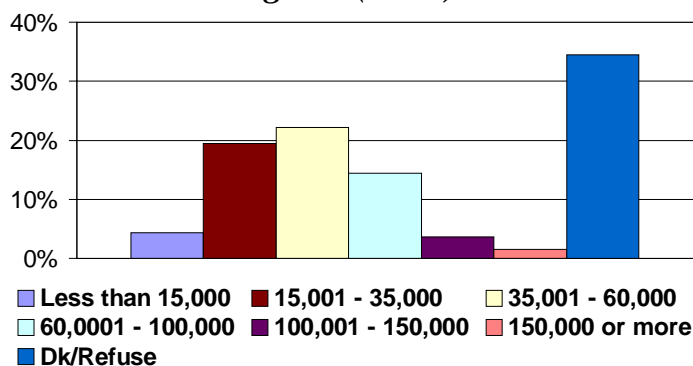
In 1998, MRFSS field personnel completed 3,201 surveys in South Carolina.

Saltwater Fishing Trips by Area Fished (1998)



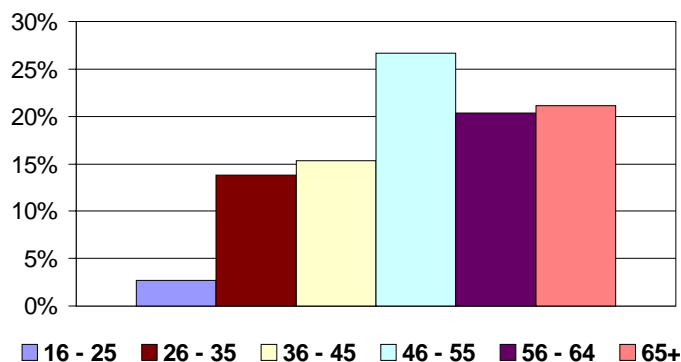
State Waters Federal Waters Inland Waters

Income Distribution for South Carolina Anglers (1997)



Less than 15,000 15,001 - 35,000 35,001 - 60,000
60,001 - 100,000 100,001 - 150,000 150,000 or more
Dk/Refuse

Age Distribution of South Carolina Anglers (1997)



16 - 25 26 - 35 36 - 45 46 - 55 56 - 64 65+

The base MRFSS sample size was increased by 150% for the Southeast U.S. (NC-LA) beginning in 1992.

Other large increases in the number of completed interviews represent years in which state contributions increased sample size.

In 1998, contributions by the South Carolina Division of Natural Resources increased the number of completed field surveys by 47% over the base MRFSS and also increased the number of telephone survey by 24% over the base MRFSS.

SOUTH CAROLINA MARINE RECREATIONAL FISHING INFORMATION

South Carolina Department of Natural Resources
(SCDNR) - Marine Resources Division
(843) 795-6350
www.dnr.state.sc.us/etc/fishing.html

SCDNR Marine Resources Division
Rules and Regulations
(843) 795-6350
www.dnr.state.sc.us/etc/rulesregs/img/saltfishing.pdf

South Atlantic Fishery Management Council
(843) 571-4366 www.safmc.nmfs.gov
Rules and Regs: www.safmc.nmfs.gov/safmcweb/Fishid/idregs.html

Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission
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